

## Message Text

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EO 11652: N/A  
TESS: PFOR CSCE CGEN  
SUBJECT: BINATIONAL MARRIAGES - "CONSULAR FREE-TO-MARRY" CERTIFICATES

REF: BERLIN 5604

1. EMBASSY BUDAPEST HAS PROVIDED SINCE THE EARLY 1960'S  
CONSULAR "FREE-TO-MARRY" CERTIFICATES TO REQUESTING USCS.  
THE CERTIFICATE, IN HUNGARIAN, CONSISTS OF THE CITIZEN'S OWN  
AFFIDAVIT BEFORE THE CONSUL AS TO HIS FREEDOM TO MARRY ON  
GROUNDS OF BEING SINGLE, DIVORCED, OR WIDOWED. WITH THE  
CERTIFICATE, EMBASSY ISSUES A STANDARD LETTER IN HUNGARIAN  
RECITING THAT THE CERTIFICATE IS THE USC'S OWN, SWORN  
STATEMENT AS TO HIS MARRIAGE STATUS, AND CERTIFYING THAT  
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QUOTE THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNITED STATES CITIZEN'S  
MARRYING A FOREIGN NATIONAL. END QUOTE. THE PROCEDURE  
WORKS SMOOTHLY.

2. SOMETIMES HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES (MINISTRY OF JUSTICE)  
WILL THEMSELVES WAIVE PRESENTATION OF A FREE-TO-MARRY  
CERTIFICATION UPON A U.S. CITIZEN'S EXPLANATION THAT SUCH

DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ISSUED IN THE U.S., IF THE  
AUTHORITIES ARE OTHERWISE SATISFIED, E.G. BY INTERVIEW  
OF THE APPLICANT AND EXAMINATION OF DIVORCE DECREES, ETC.  
IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION, THAT HE OR SHE IS ACTUALLY FREE  
TO MARRY. IN MANY CASES WE FIRST BECOME AWARE OF THE  
MARRIAGE ONLY WHEN APPLICANTS SHOW TO FILE VISA PETITIONS  
FOR THEIR NEW SPOUSES -- THEY WERE ABLE TO MARRY WITHOUT  
ANY EMBASSY CERTIFICATION.

3. EMBASSY IS POUCHING TO BERLIN TRANSLATIONS OF BOTH OUR  
STANDARD FREE-TO-MARRY CERTIFICATION AND ACCOMPANYING  
LETTER, AND OUR PRINTED INFORMATION SHEET FOR USCS  
CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE IN HUNGARY.  
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